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Dear Mr. Corley:

Lou Koch suggested I contact you, and I believe he has already spoken with you about my request.

I am trying to sort out the story of a man named Thomas Vallee. Thomas Vallee was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on November 2, 1963, and charged with a minor traffic violation and carrying a concealed weapon. At the time of his arrest, Vallee had been placed under surveillance by the Chicago Police at the request of the Secret Service, prior to the late President's scheduled trip to Chicago for the Army-Air Force Football Game. When Vallee was arrested and found to have 2,000 rounds of ammunition in his car, the President's trip was canceled.

My associate, Harold Weisberg, and I have often wondered why Mr. Vallee was not included in the many investigations conducted for the Warren Commission. Nowhere in the Archives -- let alone in the 26 volumes -- is there a mention of his name. However, recently Mr. Weisberg sent me a copy of pages 8 & 9 of Warren Commission File #47: an FBI report of an interview conducted by Agents Logan and Pond with you on December 2, 1963. In the report there is no mention of Vallee, but the circumstances described can relate to no one else.

The FBI interview with you when considered by itself is harmless, but when put in context with other information I've developed on Vallee -- Chicago Police Department reports, FBI reports, belated newspaper accounts -- it raises many questions and in fact deepens the mystery of both Vallee and how the Warren Commission investigated the assassination of our president.

I would like to request an interview with you during which I would discuss the above-mentioned FBI report and any facts related to Vallee that you would be willing or able to add to what I've already learned. I expect that this would between half an hour and an hour, and I'm available at your convenience.

I stress that my purpose in speaking to you on this matter is not sensation-seeking. Perhaps there is a logical explanation for what appears to be the inconsistencies in this case; if so, I'd like to find it. As far as my own credits which might enable you to

judge my sincerity and qualifications, there are three which might be of interest to you: If you remember the mine cave-in at Hazleton, Pa. in 1963, I was the radio newsman who had a microphone down inside the mine, which my engineer and I had dropped down there to establish a communications link between the trapped miners and the rescue teams -- in fact, we rented the roof of our mobile unit to an NBC News film crew to film the men being brought to the surface. From 1963 to 1966 I was a stringer for KDKA Radio in Pittsburgh, during which time one of my major projects was the campaign of I.W. Abel for presidency of the United Steelworkers Union -- I traveled throughout the country with his campaign and reported on it for KDKA. Last year I spent a considerable amount of time helping George Page from NBC New York prepare his program on draft resistance.

I trust I'll be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Russ Trunzo